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Meeting Summary of the SANBAG Board of Directors

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■ SANBAG lends support to Maglev feasibility study

Is a magnetic-levitation system between Anaheim and Las Vegas possible? How will it work? What will it cost? What are the benefits? These questions and others should be answered in the California-Nevada Corridor Maglev Project feasibility study, funded in part by SANBAG.

The Board of Directors approved a \$125,000 contribution to the California Nevada Super Speed Train Commission for the study, which also has received financial support from Nevada and from the cities of Barstow, Victorville, Ontario and the Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District. The City of Anaheim and the Orange County Transportation Authority have not yet acted on funding requests for the study. SANBAG's contribution will be paid from funds generated by Measure I, San Bernardino County's half-cent transportation sales tax.

The study will examine the 269-mile route between Anaheim and Las Vegas, with additional stations in Ontario, Victorville and Barstow. This high speed rail system, developed in Germany, is designed to reach up to 310 miles per hour and climb grades of 10 percent. It is likely that a private-public partnership would be required.

If determined to be feasible, plans call for the construction of the first 40 miles of the project -- between Las Vegas and Primm, Nevada -- to start in mid-2007. The study should be complete by next year.

■ Board approves construction management contract

Board members authorized the hiring of LAN Engineering for construction management of State Route 210 in Rialto and San Bernardino and for Interstate 10 projects in Redlands and Yucaipa.

The \$8.4 million contract will require the San Bernardino-based firm to oversee portions of construction of the final eight miles of Route 210. This will include bridges at Ayala Drive, Riverside Avenue, State Street and Highland Avenue; the reconstruction of other existing bridges; the realignment of Highland Avenue; drainage facilities; local street improvements; and sound walls.

The I-10 projects involve the realignment of 14th Street and the reconstruction of the Live Oak Canyon Road interchange, both in Yucaipa, as well as the new truck-climbing lane between Ford Street in Redlands and Live Oak in Yucaipa.

The projects will be financed by a combination of federal, state and local funds. Local funding is derived from Measure I, the county's half-cent transportation sales tax.

A request for bids for construction services is tentatively set to be released in early 2003. Construction work is expected to start this spring.

■ Metrolink marks 10 years

Ten years ago, Metrolink trains began gliding through southern California, creating new transportation options and improving the commute for thousands of workers, students and fun seekers.

Officials from the Southern California Regional Rail Authority, which operates Metrolink, presented plaques to station cities, Caltrans and SANBAG for continued support of the commuter rail system.

"As California celebrates Rideshare Week (Oct. 7-11), it's appropriate that Metrolink also is celebrating its successful 10 years of service across the southland. Metrolink provides a clean, safe, stress-free alternative to freeway driving, and is one of SANBAG's most popular Measure I projects," Executive Director Norm King said.

Metrolink ridership has grown to more than 33,000 riders each weekday.



Down the Road ...

- Oct. 7-11: California Rideshare Week
- Oct. 16: Administrative Committee, 11 a.m.
- Oct. 18: Mountain/Desert Committee, 9 a.m. at Southern California Logistics Airport
- Oct 24: Santa Fe Depot Restoration Ground Breaking Ceremony, 3:30 p.m.

Residents run, walk, ride on soon-to-open Route 210

Come Play on the Freeway event draws thousands on September 28

The day dawned overcast and cool, perfect weather for the cyclists, runners, walkers and car exhibitors who turned out in droves to "Come Play on the Freeway" in Upland on September 28.

Hosted by SANBAG, Caltrans and the cities of Upland, Rancho Cucamonga and Fontana, the event attracted 12,000 visitors to the nearly completed State Route 210. Designed to thank residents and businesses for their patience during the past five years of construction, the festivities also served as a fund raiser for the National Charity League Juniors.

This month's issue of "Measuring Success" provides a summary of "Come Play on the Freeway" and an update about Route 210, SANBAG's largest Measure I project.

Lots to see and do

Festivities centered around the historic Euclid Avenue bridge and ran from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Of the 12,000 visitors to the new freeway, more than 2,000 cycled, walked, rode or displayed their shiny vehicles. Back Street, an Upland-based band well known for its Santana interpretations, provided musical entertainment. Moon bouncers, a giant slide, remote control car demonstrations, costumed amateur sumo wrestlers, Grandma Susie the Clown, balloon animals, displays by city recreation and safety departments, Caltrans equipment exhibits, magic acts, 30 food stations and 27 business vendors offered plenty to see and do. A commemorative video about the freeway project played hourly underneath the Euclid bridge. Attendees also received a 24-page color magazine documenting Route 210 and bags filled with items donated by area businesses.



Photos: Top - Come Play on the Freeway visitors walk toward the Euclid Avenue bridge to the food court and business booths. Above - Moon bouncers, fire trucks and equipment displays provided plenty of entertainment for the 12,000 event participants. Above right - Families prepare for the 15-mile and 30-mile bike rides on the freshly paved concrete.



Hooray for National Charity League Juniors

Many thanks are due to the National Charity League Juniors, Foothill Chapter, a group of 35 women volunteers who help give back to the foothill communities through philanthropic efforts. NCL Juniors approached SANBAG about getting involved in the "Come Play on the Freeway" event, and offered to coordinate the run/walk/ride/car show festivities. Entry fees charged for these activities were donated to the House of Ruth, a shelter for battered women and their children. A total of \$42,500 was donated to the House of Ruth for the event.

Freeway gearing up for completion

While residents celebrated, the question of the day was, "When will the freeway open to drivers?" SANBAG and Caltrans anticipate a November opening date, which is consistent with the schedule to have the freeway open by the end of 2002.

Paving is expected to be complete by October 19. A final sound wall, on-ramps and off-ramps, electrical connections, drainage structures, signs, erosion control, guard rails and clearance from a Caltrans safety review committee are on the "to-do" list before the freeway opens to travelers.

